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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: Christian Knöpfle et al.
Serial No.: 09/921,233
Filed: August 1, 2001
For: SELF-RETAINING IMPLANT AND A
DEVICE FOR SECURING THE IMPLANT
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Examiner: Philogene, Pedro

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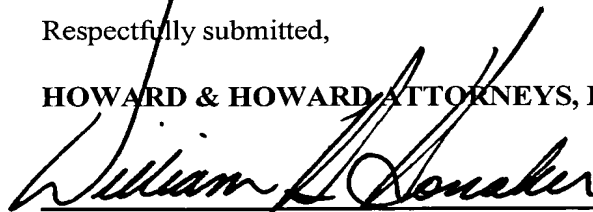
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Respectfully submitted,

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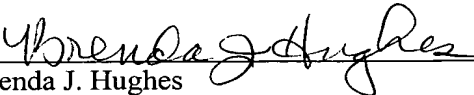

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